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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States imports for consumption from $1,427.8 million in November to $1,511.6 million in December,[1] an increase of about six percent, was largely due to increases in imports of crude materials, manufactured foodstuffs, semimanufactures and crude foodstuffs.

The Bureau stated that total imports for consumption during calendar year 1963 amounted to $17,014 million, about five percent more than the 1962 annual total of $16,251 million.[2]

The rise in imports of crude materials from $238.0 million in November to $284.5 million in December was due, in part, to increases in imports of undressed furs, from $5.2 to $25.5 million; unmanufactured wool, from $5.0 to $11.4 million; crude petroleum, from $78.6 to $87.8 million; and rough or uncut diamonds, from $10.5 to $16.6 million. However, imports of iron ore and concentrates decreased from $26.9 to $19.8 million. Imports of manufactured foodstuffs rose from $163.0 to $197.4 million owing chiefly to a substantial increase in imports of sugar, from $31.8 to $68.8 million. Imports of semimanufactures increased from $300.4 to $315.0 million as an increase in imports of gas and fuel oil, from $43.9 to $65.1 million, was partly offset by a decrease in imports of iron and steel semimanufactures, from $35.7 to $29.9 million. The advance in imports of crude foodstuffs from $153.3 to $158.7 million was largely accounted for by an increase in imports of cocoa, from $7.2 to $11.1 million.

During the period, imports of finished manufactures declined from $573.0 to $556.0 million. This change was due, in part, to decreases in imports of wool manufactures, from $26.0 to $19.7 million, and steel mill products, from $29.6 to $24.0 million, which were partly offset by an increase in imports of newsprint, from $58.1 to $68.0 million.

[1] See the December 1963 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

[2] Excludes February 1962 data on certain "low value" shipments which are estimated as totaling about $9.7 million. (See footnote 4 on page 4 of this report.)

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: DECEMBER 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for November and December 1963 are as originally issued. The figures for December 1962 and for the 1962 monthly averages have been corrected as indicated in footnote 3 below.)

Economic class and commodity[1,2]		December 1963	November 1963	December 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total	value	1,511.6	1,427.8	[3]1,336.6	[3,4]1,354.3
Free	value	570.5	517.2	509.0	518.0
Dutiable	value	941.1	910.6	827.5	836.1
Crude materials	value	284.5	238.0	259.3	278.5
Hides and skins	value	4.2	3.9	3.4	5.5
Undressed furs	value	25.5	5.2	16.8	8.5
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	65	63	83	79
	value	14.4	14.3	19.7	19.3
Copra	1,000 lb.	29,998	49,786	52,963	59,566
	value	2.3	3.7	3.6	3.9
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	12,553	14,737	10,335	13,675
	value	7.6	9.2	6.2	8.4
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	4,034	5,751	6,719	12,676
	value	0.4	0.9	0.4	2.5
Jute and jute butts	long tons	4,266	6,433	3,255	6,489
	value	0.6	1.0	0.5	1.1
Sisal and henequen	long tons	8,206	8,979	6,437	9,028
	value	2.3	2.4	1.2	1.6
Wool, unmanufactured, free (1,000,000 lb.)	actual weight	19	9	16	15
	clean content[5]	15	7	13	12
	value	11.4	5.0	7.8	7.4
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable (1,000,000 lb.)	actual weight	15	9	22	16
	clean content[5]	11	7	15	11
	value	11.6	6.9	12.9	10.0
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	(*)	(*)	110	117
	value	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.9
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	37,785	35,595	35,458	37,566
	value	87.8	78.6	80.9	84.4
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	229	121	100	118
	value	16.6	10.5	7.6	8.5
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	1,221	1,071	611	1,023
	value	4.5	5.1	3.0	4.3
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	1,940	2,980	1,461	2,786
	value	19.8	26.9	14.7	27.1
Ferroalloying ores	value	[6]8.4	[6]9.0	25.9	30.4
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	6,998	722	3,843	3,492
	value	2.0	0.2	1.1	1.0
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	12,562	5,356	3,271	22,684
	value	1.1	0.5	0.2	1.8
Tin (tin content)	long tons	265	989	100	447
	value	0.3	0.4	0.1	1.1
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	45,189	42,826	34,043	75,684
	value	2.0	2.0	1.2	3.4
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	9.9	8.7	12.1	10.6
All other crude materials	value	50.0	41.2	38.3	35.6
Crude foodstuffs	value	158.7	153.3	169.0	148.1
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	(*)	(*)	45,224	51,461
	value	20.5	18.7	19.5	19.7
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	101	98	200	103
	value	8.3	9.0	18.9	9.2
Grains	value	2.9	2.5	2.2	1.7
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	3.5	2.1	2.6	3.3
Bananas	1,000 lb.	277,142	289,042	227,172	287,538
	value	7.2	6.8	5.2	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	47	31	33	53
	value	11.1	7.2	6.3	11.0
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	283	289	335	270
	value	90.0	88.4	98.0	82.2
Tea	1,000 lb.	8,851	10,571	12,536	10,808
	value	4.1	5.1	6.2	5.0
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	2,604	5,023	3,226	3,036
	value	0.7	1.3	1.0	1.0
All other crude foodstuffs	value	10.3	12.2	9.2	8.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity[1,2]	December 1963	November 1963	December 1962	Monthly average 1962
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	197.4	163.0	159.6	149.8
Meat products.....value..	45.2	42.1	44.6	40.1
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	8,436	9,702	9,610	6,468
value..	3.9	4.7	4.4	3.0
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	42,935	51,811	41,313	46,004
value..	13.7	14.8	11.8	13.4
Fodders and feeds.....value..	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.2
Cane or beet sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	875	466	850	769
value..	68.8	31.8	43.2	42.4
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	(*)	(*)	31,935	23,520
value..	3.9	2.1	2.4	2.6
Whisky.....value..	25.3	28.4	21.3	18.1
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	34.4	37.5	30.7	28.9
Semimanufactures.....value..	315.0	300.4	268.0	282.7
Leather.....value..	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.4
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	263	176	332	256
value..	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.7
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	2.2	3.4	6.2	4.3
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	2,882	4,462	6,292	7,690
value..	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.8	5.1	4.7	5.3
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	(*)	(*)	300	407
value..	26.2	26.8	20.8	28.1
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	236	225	211	232
value..	29.5	28.2	24.1	27.6
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	31,851	21,300	30,473	22,712
value..	65.1	43.9	61.6	48.2
Asbestos.....short tons..	6,650	5,173	48,515	52,533
value..	1.3	0.9	4.6	4.7
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	77	84	74	82
value..	7.6	7.9	6.8	7.4
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	29.9	35.7	18.1	19.7
Aluminum.....value..	17.7	17.9	11.1	14.6
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	77	76	67	66
value..	23.1	23.1	20.1	19.8
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	33,664	42,521	26,246	44,748
value..	3.7	4.1	2.4	3.9
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	19,188	16,669	16,923	20,868
value..	13.7	11.9	12.4	15.4
Tin.....1,000 lb..	7,326	8,763	7,506	9,004
value..	8.1	8.9	7.9	8.7
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	14,766	22,250	17,911	23,127
value..	1.7	2.5	1.8	2.4
Coal-tar products.....value..	3.2	4.8	5.8	4.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	[6]19.6	[6]20.1	10.3	9.8
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	200	188	144	167
value..	7.3	7.1	5.8	6.6
All other semimanufactures.....value..	44.3	43.3	37.9	45.9
Finished manufactures.....value..	556.0	573.0	480.5	495.1
Leather manufactures.....value..	9.9	11.1	10.4	12.5
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.9
Cotton cloth[7].....1,000 sq. yd..	35,871	23,144	38,019	38,671
value..	7.1	5.7	7.6	7.8
Other cotton manufactures[7].....value..	11.9	12.5	12.3	15.6
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	57,303	79,466	80,510	82,822
1,000 lb..	76,032	59,347	50,359	53,510
value..	12.4	13.0	10.6	10.9
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	1.4	1.5	3.2	3.1
Wool manufactures.....value..	19.7	26.0	16.5	20.4
Silk manufactures.....value..	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.1
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	260	224	224	216
value..	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.0
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	536	463	470	456
value..	68.0	58.1	60.3	58.0
Other paper manufactures.....value..	5.6	6.3	6.9	7.3
Pottery.....value..	4.1	5.3	3.9	5.0

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Economic class and commodity[1,2]	December 1963	November 1963	December 1962	Monthly average 1962
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Steel mill products.....value..	24.0	29.6	25.2	27.7
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.9	10.7	12.8	12.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	12.9	11.2	12.5	12.6
Automobiles and parts.....value..	50.8	49.4	54.7	42.9
Other machinery.....value..	85.4	86.6	66.9	68.1
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	15.1	11.0	12.2	17.3
Photographic goods.....value..	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.3
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	6.0	6.1	4.5	4.6
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.7	3.0	2.2	2.4
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	8.1	11.0	6.5	7.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.4	6.2	4.4	4.8
American goods returned.....value..	29.5	31.0	18.9	21.7
All other finished manufactures.....value..	134.6	143.5	98.9	105.7
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[8].....value..	15.8	17.7	13.5	[4]11.6

*Not ovoiloble. [1]Bosed on commodity classificotions in Schedule A, Statisticol Classificotion of Commodities Imported into the United States. [2]The data in this report for September 1963 and subsequent periods ore bosed on the clossifications in Toriff Schedules of the United Stotes Annotated (TSUSA), an officiol publication of the United States Toriff Commission. A supplement to this report showing the Toriff Schedules of the United Stotes, Annototed (TSUSA numbers) included in the individual economic closses ond commodity totols is being moiled to subscribers of this Report and is ovoiloble on request. [3]The "dutiable", "duty free", economic closs, ond leoding commodity totols shown for December 1962 ond for the 1962 monthly overoges do not reflect corrections published during 1963 ond, therefore, do not odd to the revised over-all totols shown for these periods in the obove table. The December 1962 and the 1962 monthly average totals, unrevised, were $1,336.4 and $1,354.1 million, respectively. See footnote 4 below. Revised totols which reflect oll corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1963 will be ovoiloble shortly ond moy be obtoined from the Bureou on request. [4]Excludes Februory 1962 data on $1-$99 formol and $1-$250 informol entry shipments which ore estimoted os totoling obout $9.7 million. Doto on these shipments are included in the figures shown in Summory Report FT 900-I, but are excluded from other reports such as FT 950-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc. [5]Includes the octuol weight of carbonized wool. [6]Certain uranium beoring materials, formerly clossified under "ferroolloying ores" ore included under "industrial chemicals" beginning with September 1963 stotistics. The originally published individual monthly totals in issues of this Report prior to September 1963 ond the 1962 doto shown hove not been revised to reflect this change. Imports of such uranium beoring moterials overoged obout $17.0 million per month for the first ten months of 1963 and about $21.0 million per month for calendar year 1962. [7]The 1963 figures shown for "cotton cloth" include data on Schedule A commodity numbers 3075 010 - 3078 025 ond 3080 210 - 3081 420. During 1962 ond earlier, doto for these commodities ore included in the figures for "other cotton manufactures." [8]This estimate is subject to o sompling voriation of obout 3 percent of the estimoted volue shown. For on explonation of the sampling procedures used in estimating, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.